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In re application of:	:	Examiner:
C. Thompson et al.		M. Huseman
Serial No.: 09/576,462	:	Group Art Unit: 2161
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Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROCESSING IMPORT/EXPORT TRANSACTIONS	:	RECEIVED FEB 04 2002
<u>DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131</u>		Group 2100

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

I hereby declare:

1. My name is Al Oviedo II.
2. I assisted in the development of a working model of the invention claimed in the above-identified patent application (the "Invention") primarily by providing a host server for the claimed database. Arrangements for providing the host server were made by me and Cliff Burke Thompson during September and October of 1999.
3. I corroborate that Mr. Thompson and David Kirby worked diligently on actually reducing to practice the Invention during July-November 1999. I spoke with both of them many times throughout this time frame where they informed me of their progress in developing the Invention. I also viewed the notes and drawings created by Mr. Thompson during that time period. Some of the drawings are shown in Exhibits C-J attached to the Declaration of Cliff Burke Thompson.

4. I also corroborate that both Messrs. Thompson and Kirby were only able to work on the Invention part-time, since they were both actively employed full time.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this Declaration is directed.

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